MMR_0532 Peter MacDonald Australian

Peter MacDonald is a Master Model Railroader (MMR) who models in HO scale, specifically focusing on the Victorian Railways in Australia. His layout features scenes like the Eureka engine shed at night, locomotives switching at the Eureka Depot and an F7 passing the silo at Havre. The MMR title is a prestigious achievement awarded by the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) to individuals who demonstrate exceptional skill and knowledge in model railroading.

In addition he is:

Peter Francis McDonald AO, born in 1946, is an Australian demographer and holds the position of Emeritus Professor of Demography at the Crawford School of Public Policy within the Australian National University. His research focuses on fertility transition and migration, and he has conducted extensive studies in Southeast Asia. Notably, McDonald served as the President of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) from 2010 to 2013.

His contributions to demographic teaching, research, and policy formulation earned him the Population Association of America's

Irene B. Taeuber Award in 2015.

Former Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull even described him as “arguably the world's leading demographer in 2013.

Additionally, McDonald received Iran’s Book of the Year Award for the book “The Fertility Transition in Iran: Revolution and Reproduction,” co-authored with Meimanat Hosseini-Chavoshi and Mohammad Jalal Abbasi-Shavazi1.

He was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 2008 and later promoted to Officer of the Order of Australia in the 2024 Australia Day Honours for his distinguished service to demographic research, policy development, and professional associations.